

The workshop meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor William Budesheim presiding.

ROLL CALL: **Present:** **Carelli, Falkoski, Wetzel, Guis**
 Absent: **Astarita, Loesner**

Mayor Budesheim announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 1:

Joan Garcia inquired about the Police Contract. Mayor Budesheim asked about the years specified in the agreement. He stated that originally the P.B.A. had agreed with two years and that was published in the newspaper at that time. Councilman Carelli stated that the change in the date to May 1st had been discussed and agreed upon with the P.B.A. and the committee. It was decided the date on the resolution should be initialed by all parties that signed the contract including the P.B.A. Councilman Carelli said he would take care of that.

There being no further comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to approve the following resolutions:

- 1) **Resolution No. 50-2011;** Agreement with PBA for health benefits deductions and holiday pay, subject to the parties signing agreement.
- 2) Approval of \$500 check for food pantry purchases from trust account.
- 3) Utility Bills List.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Carelli, Falkoski, Wetzel, Guis**
 Nays: **None**
 (4 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

COPY OF UTILITY BILLS LIST AND RESOLUTIONS IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 65-A AND B

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT:

Borough Clerk Talerico reported that a woman brought in an accident report claiming a rock was thrown up when one of our DPW workers was weed whacking and cracked her windshield. She obtained an estimate of \$300 for repair and our deductible is \$1,000. There was a brief discussion and it was decided to further investigate the matter. Clerk Talerico also reported that Best Buy has submitted a request to open their doors at 5:00 a.m. on November 24, 2011. She reported that we received another application for clothing bins. We received a request for a curb cut on Riverview Terrace. Councilman Guis told her to forward it to the Borough Engineer for review. Clerk Talerico also reported that Dexter's got a special ruling to have their liquor license renewed. We also received a letter from the Bicycle Touring Club of North Jersey regarding their rally and she will forward a copy to the Police Department and DPW Superintendent.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT:

Borough Attorney Oostdyk reported on changes the state has made to affordable housing contributions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Falkoski reported on the test results for the Police Chief applicants. Acting Chief Kevin Smith came out on top and at the next meeting we'd like to appoint him as full Chief. Mayor Budesheim stated he had discussed salary with Acting Chief Smith. Next year as a Sergeant he'd be making \$100,662. We discussed bringing his salary as Chief to \$105,000 effective July 1st and bringing it up to \$120,000 effective January 1, 2012. This will bring him up a little above the contractual rates for Sergeant and Lieutenant. Councilwoman Wetzel had concerns with the salary with regard to the position. She asked if we ever do a probationary period before implementing a full salary. We're already discussing future increases and we don't know what kind of job he's going to do. We're making a big decision and I think it's a very large amount of money. Councilman Falkoski stated he does not recall a probationary period in the ordinance but he intends to review the ordinance and possibly make changes for the future. By statute he has to be paid higher than lower ranking officers.

Mayor Budesheim reported that the DPW accidentally cut down the new trees planted by the Pequannock River Coalition when they were weed whacking. He recommended we replace them using \$500 from Open Space.

Councilman Falkoski reported there are two new appointments to the Fire Department. He also reported that the Fire Department is in the process of putting an outer door on the building. There will be no cost to the Borough but they need Council approval to get their permits.

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, to authorize building permits to be issued for the installation of an outer door on the Firehouse.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Carelli, Falkoski, Wetzel, Guis**
 Nays: None
 (4 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

Resident Joan Garcia inquired about insurance for the exercise classes at the Community Center. She said they are very well attended and suggested we ask for \$1 from each participant to cover insurance. Councilwoman Wetzel stated that everything done under the offices of recreation is covered under an umbrella of insurance by the borough. We had tried charging \$1 at one time, but the attendance is only high at one class. She will discuss the matter further with the Recreation Director.

Mayor Budesheim told Councilwoman Wetzel that he has been requesting a monthly report on the use of the building and the rentals at the Community Center. He would also like the calendar of the available dates sent to him at least once a week for the website.

Councilwoman Wetzel left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Fire Chief Dan Sturm and Ex-Chief Pat Cleary reported on six towns applying for a regional FEMA grant. Pompton Lakes will be the host town submitting the application. The grant would be used for Fast Team Intervention Equipment that will benefit all six towns. The Chiefs had been discussing a formula for cost sharing of the matching funds. Councilman Guis requested details of the equipment that would be purchased with the grant money.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued):

Mayor Budesheim stated that we need to review with Chief Soules the payout of sick time, accumulated vacation and comp time we owe him. He has agreed to have it split over the next two years and we should do that by resolution.

Mayor Budesheim reported there is an employee in the Police Department who wants the Borough to pay his dental bills. Borough Attorney Oostdyk asked if we had the request in writing. Borough Clerk Talerico stated that we only have the bill and explained the reason the employee was not enrolled in the dental plan. He had been notified by letter of the timeframe of enrollment and he failed to do so. He has recently completed the enrollment paperwork and is enrolled as of July 1st this year. Borough Attorney Oostdyk stated that he would send the employee a letter.

Mayor Budesheim stated that he verified that the front office copy machine does not store data and said that we are trying to eliminate copy machines.

Councilman Guis reported on the Mathews Avenue paving project. We had an \$180,000 grant and the engineer's estimate is \$188,000. We have to award the contract before July 1, 2012. The D.O.T. will not process the grant until we provide drawings and a survey. The engineering and survey cost is \$27,400 on the estimate. The preconstruction meeting for the Mead and Arlington paving project is next Thursday. The Hamburg Turnpike pumping station is almost done.

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Budesheim commented on Councilman Loesner's email regarding a committee to look into a new health benefits plan. The Mayor felt there is already a Personnel Committee to do this type of thing and we don't need another one.

Mayor Budesheim reported that we received the \$182,000 grant from Morris County for the Glenburn. This will allow for completing the interior of the house, stabilizing and putting a new roof on the country store.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

Glenn Venza asked Councilman Falkoski if the court has an issue with using our copy machine. Councilman Falkoski stated that the court office is isolated. It is inconvenient for them to keep leaving their office and their documents contain confidential information. Mr. Venza also asked about the new batteries and a charger for the Fire Department. Chief Sturm stated that the charger was rebuilt and it was approximately \$400.

Joan Garcia asked if we received any of the flood relief dollars the government was giving out. Mayor Budesheim stated that we didn't apply this year and are still working on getting ours from last year's flood. He said we also need to follow up with Pompton Lakes for the money they are supposed to reimburse us from their FEMA grant. Ms. Garcia asked about the baseball fields being in disrepair. Mayor Budesheim said a resident emailed him saying it appears the fields are abandoned. He said he thought the Little League was maintaining them.

There being no further comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol J. Talerico, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk